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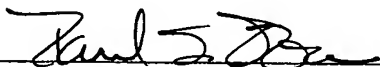
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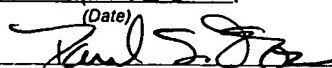
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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 10, Line 57, should read as follows:

"... wedging against said needle to secure the distal end of said needle within the second interior space in the extended position, wherein said wedging portion includes a cam surface which engages a sidewall of said outer bearing to pivot said wedging portion when said inner portion is moved along said longitudinal axis; and ..."

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